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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

12th February 1877, No. 528.

Food Grain.

Read the following paper:—

No. 229. *Petition from S. SARAWANA MUTTOO PILLAY, to His Grace the Governor in Council, dated Madras, 7th February 1877.*

In conformity with your Grace's commands, I beg leave most respectfully to submit, in writing, my offer to supply rice to Government for use in the Distressed Districts of this Presidency.

2. I beg to state that I have a large stock of rice on hand, about three lakhs of bags, though when the famine first began to be felt the supply in the hands of grain dealers was very small. Most of this stock was imported by me in the expectation that Government would take off large supplies from me. I have offered the rice to the Collectors of Districts, but have not succeeded in disposing of any, except a small quantity of 300 bags to the Collector of Salem. I have even offered it to the Hon. Mr. Thornhill, who desired me to apply to J. H. Garstin, Esq., as a supply was required by him for Cumbum and to Major Tennant who wanted some for the Kurnool Jail. I waited on Mr. Garstin, who told me that 2,000 tons of rice a month, for eight months, would be required for Cumbum provided the rice would be delivered by me at that station and desired me to write to him on the subject, but he did not pledge himself to make a purchase from me. I accordingly sent a written tender to Mr. Garstin offering to supply the 16,000 tons of rice for Cumbum and supplies of rice for the other Distressed Districts. Copies of my tenders to Mr. Garstin and his reply I beg to enclose for your Grace's information.

3. The Collector of Madura informed me that he did not require any supply of rice at present, and the Collector of Coimbatore sent me a reply to the effect that at present he was not prepared to call for tenders. The Collector of Salem, as I have said, took 300 bags; after this I was induced to send a tender to Captain Hankin on the 31st ultimo, and a copy of it is also enclosed.

4. I beg leave to bring to your Grace's notice that I am a merchant and contractor and have made, during the last eighteen years, extensive supplies of various kinds, arrack included, for the Indian Mutiny to the Madras Commissariat; timber and coal to the Gun-Carriage Manufactory; saltpetre to the Gun-Powder Manufactory; and Colombo Arrack for the Madras Abkari. Large supplies of coal and timber were made by me to the Madras, South Indian, and State Railways, and the records of the various Departments will testify to the satisfactory manner in which I carried out my several contracts. To Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. I made large supplies of rice during the Bengal Famine.

5. I now appeal most submissively to your Grace in Council to take my offer of rice for the Distressed Districts into your noble and benevolent consideration, and

pass such orders as to your Grace may seem meet for taking supplies of it from me. I beg leave to append a memorandum of the quantities and rates at which I engage to make supplies delivered free of all charges to Government at the several districts:—

Cumbum	16,000 tons at 2,000 tons per month, at Rs. 10-8-0 per bag of 164 lbs. nett.
Salem	50,000 bags at Rs. 9-8-0 per bag of 164 lbs.
Coimbatore	50,000 " " " 9-12-0 " "
North Arcot	50,000 " " " 9-0-0 " "
Cuddapah	50,000 " " " 9-0-0 " "
Kurnool	75,000 " " " 10-0-0 " "
Nellore	75,000 " " " 10-0-0 " "

6. In conclusion, I beg to assure your Grace that I was much gratified with the handsome reception I have met with on the occasion of my interview with your Grace yesterday, and on this I shall always look back with feelings of the liveliest pleasure.

P.S.—I beg also to mention that supplies of rice were made by me to the Commissariat for the Abyssinian War.

No. 230.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1877, No. 528.

The writer will be informed that the Government are not at present buying rice, but that he will have no difficulty in finding a market, rice being at present much needed in the Cuddapah Subdivision and in many parts of the Kurnool District.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To M.E.R. S. Sarawana Muthoo Pillay, Madras.
 „ the Revenue Department.
 „ the Public Works Department.
 „ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

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7th Dec 1847

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To
MRS. S. SARAWANA
MUTTOO PILLAY.
Madras.
Rs. Rs. Rs.

Dated February, 1906.

Issued on *28th*

Recd. *28th*

G.O. 1246 February 1877, No. 828.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 229-230.

Remitt. Recd.—Orders passed on 1st inst. from
S. Sarawana, Muttoo Pillay, Madras, offering to
supply rice in Government for use in the Madras
Mint, and the 1st inst. of 1877.

20/12/76
24th
6 March 1877